

OLL 84-1910/2
16 May 1984/3

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT Telephone Conversation with Angelo Codevilla re the Attached Request

1. On 16 May 1984 Angelo Codevilla, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) staffer, called DD/OLL to ask the status of the attached request. I had received the 40 names on 15 May. As Chief, OLL/LD suggested, I checked with [redacted] to see if there was any readily available information in the DI. She said that she had discussed the list with [redacted] and the DI could not furnish information on the listed individuals. Since it was in the form of a constituent request, it was against Agency policy to answer in this way and we had no choice but to handle it under the FOIA process.

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2. Since Codevilla had talked with the DD/OLL, the list was shown to him for his information. He also said that we could not comply with the request; it must be handled in the FOIA process. He asked me to tell Codevilla and to be honest that it might take two or three years and the answer would be zilch.

3. When I called Codevilla, I told him that I had just received the list of names yesterday and that I had checked and found that the Agency could not comply with the request in this manner and that it must be handled under FOIA. He immediately interrupted me and asked why it had to be answered under FOIA. I told him it was a constituent request and it was Agency policy that it must be processed under FOIA. In his conversation I did hear him ask what would happen if a senator asked and I answered him by saying that the request as given us was a constituent request. He said that if we were going to treat him in that manner then he would treat us in the same manner when we asked for his assistance. He made a few other statements and said he was going to hang up. I said Goodbye Angelo.

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P.S. On 17 May C/OLL/LD called Robert Simmons, Majority Staff Director, and explained what had transpired the day before. He reiterated that it was a constituent request. Simmons said that he understood and we should treat it in that manner.